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FREE SHIPS IN THE RIGHT WAY.

Two bills of patriotic interest to all citizens have been introduced in Congress recently. They deal, in very different ways, with the problem of restoring the American flag to its proper place on the high seas.

The first, proposed by Mr. Fithian, of Illinois, would, if it became a law, admit foreign vessels to American registry, not only in carrying the trade of the ocean, but also in our coasting and lake business. In other words, it would give to foreigners that which no American party has ever dreamed of giving them since the nation was founded. Happily there is no danger of this bill passing the Senate or receiving the President's signature. If there were, it would mean speedy death to American commerce.

The second bill, which passed the House of Representatives last week without a dissenting voice, is the work of a genuine Democrat, who is not a free trader, Mr. Bourke Cockran of New York. Its purpose is to grant an American register to foreign steamships of "not less than 8,000 tons, capable of a speed of not less than 20 knots, belonging to companies not less than 90 per cent. of whose stock is owned in the United States, on condition that the American owners obtain a full title to those ships and that they shall, subsequent to the passage of the law, have built in American ship-yards steamships of an aggregate tonnage not less in amount than that of the ships so admitted to register."

By the passage of this bill, which had the warm support of both parties in the two Houses, our ship-builders will be benefitted at the same time that our Government will be given practical control of the fastest ships on the ocean, for service in time of war. See Tracy writing on the later aspect of the question, says of the two Inman steamers which had the honor to be the first admitted to American registry:—

"They constitute an auxiliary navy and must be reckoned as a part of the naval force of the governments maintaining them. It is difficult to imagine a more effective commerce destroyer than the steamship City of Paris, armed with a battery of rapid-firing guns. She can steam over 21 knots an hour, and can average 19.9 knots from land to land, across the Atlantic. No man-of-war could overtake her; no merchantman could escape her. A fleet of such cruisers would sweep an enemy's commerce from the ocean."

The "enemy" whose commerce is liable to be thus endangered, also speaks its mind. At a session of the Royal Labor Commission on May 4, Lord Derby said it was a serious question and that the result "could hardly fail to be injurious to England." Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, president of the Board of Trade, also commented on the bill as a "daring one," and said he "thought it was certainly a curious action on the part of a friendly nation, and that complications would probably result."

We think not. There is nothing

complicated about the matter. England has been trying for years to have the United States admit foreign built vessels to American registry. Her desires are embodied in the Fithian bill. The wishes of the United States are expressed in the Cockran bill. The former will not become a law; the latter will. The complications which Sir Michael Hicks-Beach anticipates are only such as concern British interests. The rest of the world can view them with equanimity.

THE Bell Telephone Company, having made millions out of its practical monopoly, has now so manipulated matters that on the expiration of its fundamental patent in 1893, it will secure a renewal for about seventeen years more. After that it probably will have even more reasons, or dollars, for obtaining a still further lease of life. Considering the quality of the telephone service, and its exorbitant cost to the public, the injustice of this monopoly extension is about as "patent" as anything in recent times.

Two Chinamen tried to evade the immigration laws last week by presenting to the Government Inspector at Boston certificates to the effect that they had taken out naturalization papers in Canada and were bona fide British subjects. If this dodge should prove successful we may expect to see a myriad of Chinamen coming here as subjects of Her Majesty; but there is no provision in the anti-Chinese exclusion law permitting such a scheme; or, if there is, it can be amended promptly. Calling an almond-eyed immigrant a Britisher does not make him any more welcome to Uncle Sam, but quite the contrary.

Conjured Ideas.

Some of the advocates of the St. Louis platform have a confused idea of the meaning of "majority rule" as it applies to conventions. If they did not they would never advise that those who endorse that platform as they do should seek to be chosen as delegates to a Democratic convention with a view to forcing that convention to endorse it. A man may belong to the Knights of Labor, to a Trades Union, to the Farmers' Alliance, or to any other non-political organization and be a Democrat. But if either of those organizations committed itself to a political platform antagonistic to the Democratic party, and he endorsed its action, he would have no more right to call himself a Democrat than Bob Ingersoll would have to call himself a Christian. When a man goes into a Democratic convention, a Republican convention or any other convention as a delegate, the presumption is that he goes there in good faith, willing to be governed by the rules and usages which obtain in such bodies and desire the success of the party which the convention represents. The man who goes into a convention unwilling to abide by the rules and usages which ordinarily govern all such bodies, who goes in not to promote the success of the party which it represents, but to destroy it, has no right to be there, and should not be surprised if the convention refused to recognize him as a delegate.

Some of the "reform" papers in this State have been advising those who believe in the St. Louis platform to go to the Democratic primary meetings and elect delegates of their way of thinking to the State convention which meets at Raleigh next Wednesday. This advice is intended for the members of the Farmers' Alliance, as there is no other organization that we know of which there is any effort being made to influence in this matter. Now it so happens that there are both Democrats and Republicans in the Alliance. In some counties there are a great many Republicans. Some of them endorse the St. Louis platform. If the advice of these papers be followed, these Republican Alliance St. Louis platform men will go to the primaries, if they have not already done so, and elect delegates, some of whom may be Republicans like themselves, to the convention at Raleigh. Is there any sane man who would insist that they should be recognized as delegates? And if not these, why should any other man be who went in

there believing as they did and actuated by the same motives that they are?

Democrats may differ about non-essentials, but in essentials they must agree. When it comes to endorsing principles antagonistic to the principles on which their party is founded, then there can be no question as to where they should stand, and when a man presents himself in a Democratic convention for the express purpose of insisting upon such demands, he simply shows that he has no sense of propriety, or is actuated by an effrontery which is entitled to no recognition.

A Democratic convention should be a Democratic convention, controlled and participated in by Democrats only. No man who cannot or will not openly and unhesitatingly declare "I am a Democrat," should have the hardihood to go into it and claim the right to sit in it as a delegate. When such a man is refused recognition as a delegate, he cannot claim that he is ostracised, for he has simply disqualified himself by endorsing the St. Louis "declaration of independence," thereby renouncing the Democratic party. —Wil. Star.

SUNDAY READING

Made Up of Divers Clipping

In our eyes the man who suffers serves God, and consequently serves society; like him who prays, he performs a ministry of expiation, a sacrifice, whose merit rebounds on us; and we trust less for our selves to the lightning conductor above our house-tops than to the prayer of the poor woman and her little children who are sleeping on a truss of straw in the garret under our roof.—Frederic Ozanam.

Love flew in at window
As Wealth walk'd in at the door.
"You have come for you saw Wealth coming," said I.
But he flutter'd his wings with a sweet little cry.
"I'll cleave to you, rich or poor."
Wealth dropp'd out of the window,
Poverty crept thro' the door.
"Well, now you would fain follow Wealth," said I.
But he flutter'd his wings as he gave me the lie,
"I cling to you all the more."
—Tennyson.

"It is a sad weakness in us," says George Eliot, "after all, that the thought of a man's death hallows him anew to us; as if life were not sacred, too—as if it were comparatively a light thing to fail in love and reverence to the brother who has to climb the whole toilsome steep with us, and all our tears and tenderness were due to the one who is spared that hard journey."

Oh, I could go through all life's trouble singing
Turning earth's night to day,
If self were not so fast around me, clinging
To all I do or say.

My very thoughts are selfish, always building
Men castles in the air;
I use my love of others for a gilding
To make myself look fair.

I fancy all the world engrossed with judging
My merit or my blame;
My warmest praise seems an ungracious grudging
Of praise which I might claim.

In youth or age, by city, wood or mountain,
Self is forgotten never;
Where'er we tread, it gushes like a fountain,
And its waters flow forever.

Alas! no speed of life can snatch us wholly
Out of self's hateful sight;
And it keeps step where'er we travel slowly,
And sleeps with us at night.

O miserable omnipresence, stretching
Over all time and space!
How have I run from thee, yet found thee reaching
The goal in every race!

The opiate balms of grace may haply still thee,
Deep in my nature lying;
For I may hardly hope, alas! to kill thee
Save by the act of dying.

O Lord! that I could waste my life for others,
With no ends of my own,
That I could pour myself into my brothers,
And live for them alone!

Such was the life Thou livedst; self-ab-juring,
Thine own pains never easing,
Our burdens bearing, our just doom enduring,
A life without self-pleasing!
—Father F. W. Faber.

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